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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MEMORIES OF MISS NIGHTINGALE

DEAR EDITOR: The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company recently supplied its visiting nurses with copies of the monograph "Florence Nightingale, An Appreciation," by Mary Aldis, President of the Chicago Visiting Nurse Association. Among the letters of appreciation and thanks received is the following tribute to the memory of Miss Nightingale from a nurse who received her training at St. Thomas' Hospital, London. We feel sure that the letter will be of interest to all nurses, which I quote as follows:

"It is with the greatest appreciation that I acknowledge the receipt of the little booklet about Miss Nightingale.

"When I tell you that I trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, under the 'Nightingale Institute' and knew Miss Nightingale personally, you will readily understand what a particular appeal this account of her would have for me.

"I often had the privilege of seeing and talking with Miss Nightingale during my years of training, her home was not very far from the hospital, and although she was more or less of an invalid yet she was able at times to give words of council and advice. The picture is a little like her but does not begin to give the beautiful expression for which she was so justly famous. For the hospital, every Saturday of the week, she would send a basket of dainties to each ward, for the three head nurses three individual packets in a basket, one for each charge nurse, and for the night and day nurses. Until the last few months of her life the baskets were packed under her direct supervision with the name of each nurse attached.

"The probationers were remembered in other ways. I must apologize for the length of this letter but my deep interest in the subject must be my excuse."

We should be glad to have this letter appear in the JOURNAL.

LEE K. FRANKEL.

### A SERIOUS LOSS TO NURSES IN INDIA

DEAR EDITOR: The countries affiliated with the International Council of Nurses will sympathize with the Indian Association in the great loss which has befallen the nurses of this country, in the death, almost in one week, of our patroness and our honorary secretary and treasurer. All the world has heard of the sudden death of Lady Hardinge and countless hands have been stretched out to the bereaved Viceroy in sympathetic sorrow. Lady Hardinge had been for three years the Official Head of the Trained Nurse's Association of India, as its Patroness.

Lady Hardinge was in every sense a stateswoman, worthy of the honored company of women whom she followed as the wife of the Viceroy. Among many other things she took a deep and practical interest in the sick and those who cared for them.

On Sunday, the nineteenth of July, Miss Tindall passed away after a long and painful illness in which there had been from the first very little hope of recovery. Those who read the *Nursing Journal of India* and the *British Journal of Nursing* will know enough of Miss Tindall's unceasing activity to appreciate, in some

measure, what her loss will mean to us. She had been for three years president of the Trained Nurses' Association, and on laying down that office last year, took up the arduous duties of secretary and treasurer. Her enthusiastic labours in absolute disregard of herself are an example of unselfish zeal rarely equalled among us and her name will be a loved and honoured one as we press on toward the ideals of nursing and service which upheld her. The August number of the *Nursing Journal of India* will be a Memorial one.

*India.*

ETHA KLOSZ.

#### CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS

DEAR EDITOR: In the August number of the JOURNAL there was a letter signed by E. C., protesting against the advertisement of correspondence schools and urging every nurse to write a protest. At the meeting of the Kentucky State Nurses' Association, Emma Hunt offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the secretary send notice to the magazine advertising said schools that the Kentucky State Association protest against such advertising. Miss Hunt is doing the state organization work for the Tuberculosis Commission and works in co-operation with women's clubs through-out the state. She is interesting them in the fight on correspondence schools and is planning for a letter day to be held later when all the members of the Association will send a personal protest to the magazine with such an advertisement.

It would be effective if every association would take the action that Kentucky has, along the same line, so that thousands of letters from all over the country would go in on the same day. I feel that it ought to be put before the readers of the JOURNAL. If we would all coöperate we are strong enough to accomplish a great deal.

*Kentucky.*

R. F. D.

#### A RAPID TRANSIT VISIT TO TWO TORONTO HOSPITALS

DEAR EDITOR: Having a limited amount of time and desiring to see as much as I could of the Toronto General and the Children's Hospital, I decided to be satisfied with a walk around the entire square on which the General is situated. I felt myself privileged even to see the splendid building and grounds from the outside. I paid a short and most interesting visit to the Children's Hospital and Nurses' Residence of which I had read so much. I was not disappointed to find it all and more than I expected.

A little later, looking in upon Miss Snively, the pioneer superintendent of nurses of the General, but now retired, whom I had scarcely seen since she had been my head nurse in Bellevue, I found her quite insistant that I should see at least a small part of the new hospital. With a letter of introduction to Miss Gunn, the present superintendent of nurses, I returned to the General through which a rapid tour was undertaken. Now I have visions of spacious corridors, splendid wards, auxilliary and operating rooms and a private patient building separated from all others, in the center of well-kept grounds, with green lawns and flowers. A most immaculate kitchen, with its corps of wholesome looking workers and with facilities for serving many people expeditiously and well, was not overlooked. Everywhere, everything not only denoted a fine building but good housekeeping